



Gwynn's Island Bridge Rehabilitation Project Route 223 over Milford Haven Inlet Citizen Information Meeting May 15, 2012

What does this project involve, and what area does it cover?

This project will rehabilitate the Gwynn's Island Bridge over the Milford Haven Inlet between the towns of Gwynn and Hudgins in Mathews County.

What rehabilitation work is being performed on the bridge?

The rehabilitation work will replace or rehabilitate deteriorated members and elements in the bridge truss, floor system, steel grid deck, rest piers and tender house.

How will construction affect traffic?

During construction, traffic on Route 223 will be reduced to one lane on the bridge.

Northbound and southbound Route 223 traffic will take turns crossing the bridge in a single open travel lane. Temporary traffic signals will be placed at each end of the bridge to control traffic during the project.

Construction work will begin in the spring of 2013 on the southbound side of the bridge. The southbound travel lane will be closed, and traffic will alternate crossing the bridge in the northbound lane.

Barrels and channeling devices will be used to separate traffic from the work zone on the bridge.

After repairs are complete in the southbound lane, the pattern will be reversed and repairs made in the northbound lane.

What is the width restriction for vehicles on the bridge during construction?

There will be a width restriction for vehicles on the bridge during the project. Vehicles wider than 9 feet, 6 inches will not be allowed to cross the bridge.

What is the condition of the existing bridge?

The existing bridge was built in 1939 and is currently deficient. Also, it currently has a posted weight limit of 25 tons for tractor-trailers.

The bridge is 729 feet long with a 204 foot long movable swing span and is 24 feet wide from curb to curb. The bridge has a navigational clearance at the channel span of 80 feet horizontally, and 11 feet vertically when closed. It carries an average of 2,100 vehicles a day.

When will the project start and when do you expect to finish?

The contractor will begin work in the spring of 2013. The project will be completed in late 2013.

Who is the project contractor?

The contractor will be chosen and announced after the project is advertised.

What is the project cost?

The project's total estimated cost is \$2.9 million.

Who can I contact if I have a question or concern?

You can reach a VDOT representative 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623).

You can also contact VDOT Communications in the Fredericksburg District at 540-374-3344, or send an email to Fredericksburginfo@vdot.virginia.gov.